rights in Tibet and why our Government is neglecting this issue when these things are before us. Instead of raising the voice against it the Government is advocating the case of China. I will request that the Government should restrain itself from such things and should not support China. It will be a terrible blow to the dignity of India and belief of its people in human rights. Therefore, we have a special duty towards the people of Tibet and if there is any violation of human rights, then we should whole heartedly support the cause of the people of Tibet and should oppose any such thing.

[*English*]

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat): With all due respect to other colleagues, particularly the Leader of the Opposition Shri Advani and Shri Rabi Ray, I would like to make this humble submission. It is known that the Tibet policy of the Government of India is that Tibet is an autonomous region of China, it is an integral part of the People's Republic of China. So any attempt on behalf of the Government of India to raise this question which is exclusively an internal affair of the People's Republic of China would be unjustified.

Having regard to this problem in the context of our own country, we have got the Jammu and Kashmir problem. We hear western agencies who want and who pronounce throughout the world that human rights are being violated in Kashmir. We have prevented many international organisations, particularly the Amnesty International to come to Kashmir and have an independent enquiry. We all support human rights. But the human rights violation should be considered in the context of a particular situation, in a particular part of the world and in a particular part of a country.

Our Government's policy has been not to interlink the human rights with the question of giving aid. Here, in this case the question of human rights in Tibet automatically amounts to the interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign and friendly State. Our country wants to improve the relationship between China and India. During the visit of the Prime Minister of China to our country, it had been publicly stated that Shri Li Peng, the Premier of China was willing to have some discussions with the representatives of the Tibet provided they don't demand independence and secession from the People's Republic of China.

Having regard to this development between India and China, I think the Government of India should not support the Resolution which has been initiated, as has been reported by the Leader of the Opposition.

[*Translation*]

SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR (Sagar): For the last four or five days there has been acute shortage of Petrol and diesel at Petrol pumps in Sagar District in Madhya Pradesh. The people of Sagar are thus facing serious crisis. All the activities that depend on diesel and petrol, are lying paralysed and normal life has been disrupted there. Before the presentation of the Budget, the petrol and diesel pump stations piled up stocks of petrol and diesel at their depots. An artificial scarcity has been created and this is encouraging blackmarketing.

In this regard, I would like to request tha. the hon. Minster of Petroleum should give directives immediately to take stern action to curb laxity and blackmarketing and order investigation into the matter and ask for a report within fifteen days and punish the guilty officials.

SHRIMATI RITA VERMA(Dhanbad): Mr. Speaker, Sir with your permission I would like to draw the attention of the House, in the zero hour, to the bloodshed and naked dance of bestiailty which took place on the 12, February in Bihar, The situation in Bihar is still explosive and communal frenzy may erupt any time and there can be a caste war. On 12, February this year, at Bara village in Gaya District, in the Bihar three thousand supporters of N. C. C. beseiged the village and set it on fire, and looted houses and

fields. Petrol bombs were exploded and persons belonging to the Bhumihar caste were singled out and butchered like hens. Is it not a blot on the face of the modern civilized society ? Is it social justice? Is it not an example of communal frenzy and caste revenge only?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, more important than the number of persons who have been killed is the question as to who has been behind this massacre. There was a police post at a distance of one kilometer, but the police did not reach the spot even often four hours. They gave the culprits an opportunity to flee. It means that the police were in collusion with the culprits. All this is being incited by the police and State Government is providing protection. I would like to draw the attention of the entire House towards it. If attention is not paid to it, Bihar will turn into a big 'Slum' where armies of different castes would be deployed in different streets and they would fight among themselves continuously. The situation has become very explosive. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Only Shri Manorajan Bhakta will speak.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA(South Delhi): Taking the situation of Bihar into account, the Bihar Government should be dismissed...(*Interruptions*) I would like to know whether the State Government would be dismissed. This is our demandThe Minister of Home Affairs should make a statement regarding the recent development in Bihar. The Government of Shri Laloo Prasad in Bihar should be dismissed... (*Interruptions*) Such a big incident has taken place in Bihar and atrocities are being committed there. An M. P., Shri Ishwar Choudhary, was killed during elections there and the culprit is yet to be apprehended. Shri Chaudhary who was the Member of the last Lok Sabha was killed but the culprits have not been nabbed so far. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, my submission is that ...(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. You, the hon. Member, have been telling me that the State-subject should not be taken up here. So, when the State-matter is raised, we can cursorily refer it and sit down. Instead of that, if you prolong the discussion, the valuable time of the House is consumed.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You have the opportunity of discussing this matter in the Home Minister's Demands also.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to submit in regard to the blood bath that took place in Bihar...(*Interruptions*)

(*English*)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Khurana, this i s a two edged weapon.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR (Barh): Mr. Speaker, Sir, you have called me...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in my opinion the deteriorating situation in Bihar is not only a matter of law and order now. I do not know what kind of report the Governor has sent to the Centre. But I have been told unofficially that the report sent by the Governor....

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Have you ever

thought about the recent developments in Uttar Pradesh also. What is the situation these days in the Terai areas?

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I agree with you that generally State matters should not be raised here. But if the Governor himself has expressed the view that Centre should intervene and the hon. Member feel that it is a justified demand then this issue can be raised here. I do not know everything in this connection, but what I know is that several such episodes have taken place there in the last two months which is an indicator that caste war has been virtually stirred up. Atrocities on Harijans are also on the increase. Shri Ishwar Choudhary was the Member of this House and he was a prominent leader there. He was murdered in that area and no action hitherto has been taken on it. So, Centre's intervention is justified. Because of this only such matters are raised here.

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Every time you need not get up, Mr. Nirmal Kanti Chatterjee. I gave you an opportunity , a good opportunity.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has raised the matter of a massacre. There will be hardly any person who will not condemn such a massacre. We all, every Bihari and very Indian are perturbed by it. But I would like to register my protest against parties which try to derive political mileage from such violence...(*Interruptions*)... We have heard them. They should have patience now to hear us. We take exception to statements regarding massacre in Bara. You are right in saying that it is a State subject and it should not be discussed here. But they are discussing it again and again. In JD not have any objection to it. Discussion may be held on Bihar or on any State Government. I do not object to permission being granted for discussion. We are not escapists. But the point here is that it was discussed...more people would have been killed in Bara if the police had not rushed there and saved their lives. The police and the Government there should be lauded. The second point that they mentioned in this reghrd is that this massacre was in retaliation to a previous massacre at Main and Barasimla. Just how the leaders of opposition Shri Advani and Shri Khurana told that the State Government should be dismissed.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, let us decide in the N. I. C. that the number of persons killed should be the criteria for the dismissal of the State Government. On this basis, after Bihar, the U. P. Government should also be dismissed. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andman & Nicobar Islands): Sir, about 1,100 workers, working with the ONGC for the last 5 to 25 years, have been retrenched. And 11 workers at Calcutta are on hunger-strike. The condition of 5 of those workers is very serious. I would like that the Minister for Petroleum should make a statement about it. How have these 1,100 ONGC workers been retrenched in West Bengal? This is a very serious matter. The Government should come out with a statement.

Five out of the 11 workers, who are on hunger-strike, have been hospitalised and their condition is very serious. I want to know what action has been taken. I request the Government to come out with statement.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat): I support the observation made by Shri Manoranjan Bhakta. I want that the Government of India should make a statement regarding the present position of the retrenched workers. (*Interruptions*) I want a statement from the hon. Minister. (*Interruptions*)